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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to two-way radio communication  
3           enhancement systems; amending s. 633.202, F.S.;  
4           requiring the authority having jurisdiction to  
5           determine certain minimum radio signal strength  
6           requirements for all new and existing buildings;  
7           authorizing the use of two-way radio communication  
8           enhancement systems to comply with certain radio  
9           signal strength requirements in the Florida Fire  
10          Prevention Code; specifying that such systems or  
11          equivalent systems are not required in certain  
12          apartment buildings; requiring that owners of such  
13          apartment buildings provide certain documentation to  
14          the applicable authority; exempting existing high-rise  
15          buildings and high-rise apartment buildings from  
16          certain radio signal strength requirements until a  
17          specified date; requiring noncompliant high-rise  
18          buildings and high-rise apartment buildings to apply  
19          for specified permits by specified dates; providing an  
20          effective date.

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22   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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24           Section 1. Subsection (18) of section 633.202, Florida  
25   Statutes, is amended to read:

26           633.202 Florida Fire Prevention Code.—

27           (18) The authority having jurisdiction shall determine the  
28   minimum radio signal strength for fire department communications  
29   in all new ~~high-rise~~ and existing ~~high-rise~~ buildings. Two-way

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30 radio communication enhancement systems or equivalent systems  
31 may be used to comply with the minimum radio signal strength  
32 requirements. However, two-way radio communication enhancement  
33 systems or equivalent systems are not required in apartment  
34 buildings 75 feet or less in height that are constructed using  
35 wood framing, provided that the building has less than 150  
36 dwelling units and that all dwelling units discharge to the  
37 exterior or to a corridor that leads directly to an exit as  
38 defined by the Florida Building Code. Evidence of wood frame  
39 construction shall be shown by the owner providing building  
40 permit documentation which identifies the construction type as  
41 wood frame. Existing high-rise buildings as defined by the  
42 Florida Building Code are not required to comply with minimum  
43 radio strength for fire department communications and two-way  
44 radio communication enhancement systems ~~system enhancement~~  
45 ~~communications~~ as required by the Florida Fire Prevention Code  
46 until January 1, 2025. However, by January 1, 2024, an existing  
47 high-rise building that is not in compliance with the  
48 requirements for minimum radio strength for fire department  
49 communications must apply for an appropriate permit for the  
50 required installation with the local government agency having  
51 jurisdiction and must demonstrate that the building will become  
52 compliant by January 1, 2025. Existing high-rise apartment  
53 buildings are not required to comply until January 1, 2025.  
54 However, existing high-rise apartment buildings are required to  
55 apply for the appropriate permit for the required communications  
56 installation by January 1, 2024.

57 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.